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Letter dated 1 August 2011 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, held in Kampala from 31 May to 11 June 2010. The Review Conference adopted, on 8 June 2010, a resolution entitled "Strengthening the enforcement of sentences" (resolution RC/Res.3). The resolution is attached to the present letter (see annex).

In paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Review Conference requested "the Secretary-General of the United Nations to bring this resolution to the attention of all the members of the United Nations, with a view to encouraging that the above objectives may be considered, as appropriate, in the relevant programmes of assistance of the World Bank, the regional banks, the United Nations Development Programme, and other relevant multilateral and national agencies".

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 73.

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Resolution RC/Res.3

Adopted at the 9th plenary meeting, on 8 June 2010, by consensus

RC/Res.3
Strengthening the enforcement of sentences

The Review Conference,

Recalling the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

Conscious of the key role of States in the enforcement of the Court's sentences of imprisonment,

Recalling that the Court's sentences of imprisonment shall be served in prison facilities provided by States that have indicated their willingness to accept sentenced persons, in accordance with the Statute,

Mindful of the need for broader participation of States in the enforcement of sentences in order to allow for such enforcement in all relevant regions and subregions and *taking note* of the unanimous view expressed by States Parties to this effect,

Emphasizing the need for enhanced international cooperation with a view to enabling more States to voluntarily accept sentenced persons on the basis of widely accepted international treaty standards governing the treatment of prisoners,

1. *Calls upon* States to indicate to the Court their willingness to accept sentenced persons in accordance with the Statute;

2. *Confirms* that a sentence of imprisonment may be served in a prison facility made available in the designated State through an international or regional organization, mechanism or agency;

3. *Urges* States Parties and States that have indicated their willingness to accept sentenced persons, directly or through competent international organizations, to promote actively international cooperation at all levels, particularly at the regional and subregional levels;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to bring this resolution to the attention of all members of the United Nations, with a view to encouraging that the above objectives may be considered, as appropriate, in the relevant programmes of assistance of the World Bank, the regional banks, the United Nations Development Programme, and other relevant multilateral and national agencies.